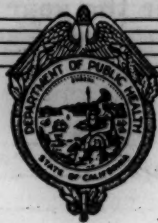


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LOCAL DEFENSE AND VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL

The Director of the Ninth Civilian Defense Region has written to the Executive Director of the California State Council of Defense relative to the control of venereal diseases in the vicinity of military and industrial areas. This function is regarded as important in both civilian and military defense, and it is also related closely to the industrial production of war materials. Following is the text of the letter referred to:

"No more important function can be performed by governmental agencies (Local, State, Federal) in support of the war effort than in the promotion of the public health. Next to the respiratory infections (the common cold, pneumonia, etc.) the venereal diseases are responsible for the greatest number of days lost as a result of sickness. The venereal diseases are usually contracted from prostitutes. Therefore, the repression of prostitution, the most common source of exposure to the venereal diseases, will result in fewer venereal infections among our industrial and military personnel.

Public health authorities throughout the Nation have agreed that venereal infections can not be effectively controlled by the periodic physical examination of prostitutes. The most effective method of reducing the increasing venereal disease rate is by the repression of prostitution. The Office of Civilian Defense strongly recommends, therefore, that State and local defense councils give their full support to local health and police departments in their effort to control the venereal diseases.

Civilian public health departments in most localities are doing their utmost to bring venereal diseases under control. In some localities health officials are greatly handicapped in this effort by lack of sufficient funds or manpower to carry out effective venereal disease control programs. State and local defense councils can help in the Nation-

wide program for the control of the venereal diseases by:

- (a) Insisting that houses of prostitution in all areas adjacent to industrial or military centers be closed;
- (b) Insisting that public venereal disease treatment clinics be operated in all cities where such facilities are not now available. Federal funds to assist local communities in the maintenance of venereal disease clinics are available from the U. S. Public Health Service through your State Department of Health. Proper application should be made to the State Department of Public Health in advance of the beginning of the fiscal year.
- (c) Furnishing personnel for showing educational motion pictures on the control of the venereal diseases to civilian groups. Motion picture films on this subject are available through your State Department of Health;
- (d) The distribution of educational pamphlets, and the posting of placards and posters. Pamphlets and posters may be obtained through your State Department of Public Health or local health department;
- (e) Furnishing clerical assistance in health departments and venereal disease clinics, and
- (f) By bringing to the attention of State and local legislative bodies the need for:
 - (1) Adequate laws, ordinances, etc., for the control of prostitution and
 - (2) State and local appropriations to be used in support of venereal disease control programs.

Manpower in our industrial centers as well as in our fighting forces is essential to the war effort.

May we count on your State council, in cooperation with your State and local health officials, to give your full support to a program for the control of the venereal diseases in your State and community."

COMMITTEES FOR HEALTH OFFICERS' ORGANIZATION APPOINTED

Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, newly appointed Director of Public Health for the State, and President of the Department of Health Officers, League of California Cities, has appointed a Program Committee and a Legislative Committee for the health officers' organization.

The Program Committee is composed of:

Dr. Dwight Bissell, Health Officer of San Jose, Chairman

Dr. Frank L. Kelly, Health Officer of Berkeley

Mr. Louis Olsen, Health Officer of Palo Alto

The Legislative Committee is composed of:

Dr. Herbert F. True, Sacramento, Chairman

Dr. John Fuller, Santa Cruz, Vice Chairman

Dr. Edward Lee Russell, Santa Ana

Mr. Guy P. Jones, State Department of Public Health, Sacramento

Dr. George Uhl, Los Angeles City Health Officer

The Legislative Committee will advise health officers throughout the State of proposed legislation and will make analyses for the use of health officers and the general public. The Program Committee will immediately begin preparing a program for the annual meeting of the Department of Health Officers, League of California Cities, which will be held in San Francisco in the early Fall.

DR. HALVERSON NEW DIRECTOR

Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, Health Officer of Los Angeles County, was appointed State Director of Public Health by Governor Earl Warren and has assumed his duties of the office. Dr. Halverson graduated in medicine from the College of Medical Evangelists and received his Doctorate in Public Health from Yale University. He was City Health Officer of Pasadena for many years and upon the death of Dr. John L. Pomeroy, became Health Officer of Los Angeles County.

His training and experience provide high qualifications for this important office in the State Government. With the continued growth of the State's population and the manifold public health problems that have arisen during the war, the services of a trained public health administrator are essential. The best wishes of the staff of the department are extended to Dr. Halverson.

CALIFORNIA DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

(All forms)

By Districts, Showing Place of Death and Place of Residence for the year 1941

| District | By place of death | By place of residence |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| California | 3,744 | 3,685 |
| Alameda County, exclusive of | 202 | 36 |
| Oakland | 58 | 139 |
| Alameda | 4 | 15 |
| Berkeley | 10 | 31 |
| San Leandro | 1 | 5 |
| Albany | 1 | 4 |
| Hayward | - | 7 |
| Piedmont | 1 | 1 |
| Alpine County | - | - |
| Amador County | 7 | 13 |
| Butte County, exclusive of | 13 | 12 |
| Chico | 3 | 4 |
| Calaveras County | 12 | 13 |
| Colusa County | 2 | 3 |
| Contra Costa County, exclusive of | 4 | 11 |
| Richmond | 1 | 4 |
| Martinez | 4 | 3 |
| Pittsburg | 1 | 5 |
| El Cerrito | - | - |
| Antioch | - | - |
| Del Norte County | 2 | 3 |
| El Dorado County | 1 | 6 |
| Fresno County, exclusive of | 15 | 66 |
| Fresno | 84 | 41 |
| Coalinga | 1 | 1 |
| Glenn County | 3 | 7 |
| Humboldt County, exclusive of | 3 | 6 |
| Eureka | 7 | 5 |
| Imperial County, exclusive of | 18 | 10 |
| Brawley | 4 | 9 |
| Calexico | 3 | 4 |
| El Centro | 3 | 6 |
| Inyo County | 4 | 6 |
| Kern County, exclusive of | 73 | 48 |
| Bakersfield | 3 | 24 |
| Kings County, exclusive of | 16 | 12 |
| Hanford | 1 | 8 |
| Lake County | 2 | 3 |
| Lassen County | 5 | 4 |
| Los Angeles County, exclusive of | 411 | 270 |
| Los Angeles | 851 | 848 |
| Alhambra | 3 | 9 |
| Long Beach | 14 | 48 |
| Pasadena | 22 | 31 |
| Pomona | 7 | 16 |
| Santa Monica | 6 | 13 |
| Glendale | 11 | 23 |
| Monrovia | 32 | 14 |
| Redondo Beach | 1 | 2 |
| South Gate | 3 | 9 |
| Torrance | - | 2 |
| Whittier | 1 | 7 |
| South Pasadena | 2 | 5 |
| Arcadia | 5 | 6 |
| Bell | - | 2 |
| Beverly Hills | 1 | 7 |
| Burbank | 4 | 13 |
| Compton | 1 | 4 |
| Culver City | 1 | 2 |
| Hawthorne | 1 | 6 |
| Huntington Park | 5 | 10 |
| Inglewood | 2 | 8 |
| Lynwood | - | 3 |
| Maywood | - | 1 |
| Montebello | - | 2 |
| Monterey Park | 3 | 3 |
| San Fernando | 1 | 10 |
| San Gabriel | 1 | 9 |
| San Marino | - | - |
| Azusa | - | 6 |

| District | By place of death | By place of residence |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| California—Continued | | |
| <i>Los Angeles County, exclusive of—Continued</i> | | |
| Hermosa Beach | — | 1 |
| Gardena | — | 3 |
| Manhattan Beach | — | — |
| <i>Madera County, exclusive of</i> | 27 | 10 |
| Madera | 3 | 7 |
| <i>Marin County, exclusive of</i> | 18 | 14 |
| San Rafael | 3 | 3 |
| San Anselmo | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Mariposa County</i> | — | 2 |
| <i>Mendocino County</i> | 20 | 18 |
| <i>Merced County, exclusive of</i> | 22 | 22 |
| Merced | 2 | 10 |
| <i>Modoc County</i> | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Mono County</i> | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Monterey County, exclusive of</i> | 34 | 29 |
| Monterey | 2 | 6 |
| Pacific Grove | — | 2 |
| Salinas | 1 | 9 |
| <i>Napa County, exclusive of</i> | 53 | 5 |
| Napa | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Nevada County, exclusive of</i> | 3 | 7 |
| Grass Valley | 3 | 5 |
| <i>Orange County, exclusive of</i> | 44 | 35 |
| Santa Ana | 7 | 18 |
| Anaheim | 2 | 6 |
| Fullerton | 2 | 4 |
| Orange | 1 | — |
| <i>Placer County, exclusive of</i> | 119 | 14 |
| Roseville | 1 | 3 |
| <i>Plumas County</i> | 1 | 5 |
| <i>Riverside County, exclusive of</i> | 53 | 37 |
| Riverside | 18 | 18 |
| Corona | 1 | 10 |
| <i>Sacramento County, exclusive of</i> | 14 | 42 |
| Sacramento | 81 | 98 |
| <i>San Benito County</i> | 3 | 3 |
| <i>San Bernardino County, exclusive of</i> | 64 | 42 |
| Redlands | 10 | 9 |
| San Bernardino | 65 | 45 |
| Ontario | 1 | 4 |
| Colton | 5 | 11 |
| Upland | 3 | 4 |
| <i>San Diego County, exclusive of</i> | 12 | 41 |
| San Diego | 106 | 74 |
| Coronado | — | 1 |
| National City | 1 | 3 |
| Chula Vista | 2 | 3 |
| <i>San Francisco City and County</i> | 436 | 471 |
| <i>San Joaquin County, exclusive of</i> | 103 | 25 |
| Stockton | 5 | 78 |
| Lodi | — | 2 |
| <i>San Luis Obispo County, exclusive of</i> | 2 | 10 |
| San Luis Obispo | 8 | 1 |
| <i>San Mateo County, exclusive of</i> | 32 | 22 |
| San Mateo | 18 | 4 |
| Burlingame | 3 | 4 |
| Daly City | 1 | 4 |
| Redwood City | 10 | 5 |
| South San Francisco | — | 3 |
| San Bruno | — | 1 |
| <i>Santa Barbara County, exclusive of</i> | 18 | 18 |
| Santa Barbara | 6 | 17 |
| Santa Maria | 9 | 1 |
| <i>Santa Clara County, exclusive of</i> | 74 | 39 |
| San Jose | 8 | 34 |
| Palo Alto | 2 | 5 |
| Santa Clara | — | 4 |
| <i>Santa Cruz County, exclusive of</i> | 18 | 6 |
| Santa Cruz | 1 | 9 |
| Watsonville | 1 | 7 |
| <i>Shasta County, exclusive of</i> | 7 | 8 |
| Redding | 3 | 5 |
| <i>Sierra County</i> | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Siskiyou County</i> | 8 | 9 |
| <i>Solano County, exclusive of</i> | 5 | 9 |
| Vallejo | 3 | 12 |

| District | By place of death | By place of residence |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|
| California—Continued | | |
| <i>Sonoma County, exclusive of</i> | 35 | 18 |
| Petaluma | 1 | 4 |
| Santa Rosa | — | 7 |
| <i>Stanislaus County, exclusive of</i> | 3 | 17 |
| Modesto | 16 | 11 |
| <i>Sutter County</i> | 1 | 7 |
| <i>Tehama County</i> | 7 | 9 |
| <i>Trinity County</i> | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Tulare County, exclusive of</i> | 29 | 48 |
| Visalia | 24 | 7 |
| Porterville | 2 | 2 |
| Tulare | 1 | 6 |
| <i>Tuolumne County</i> | 7 | 11 |
| <i>Ventura County, exclusive of</i> | 46 | 17 |
| Oxnard | 2 | 14 |
| Santa Paula | 2 | 7 |
| Ventura | — | 7 |
| <i>Yolo County, exclusive of</i> | 3 | 9 |
| Woodland | 3 | 2 |
| <i>Yuba County, exclusive of</i> | 2 | 3 |
| Marysville | 3 | 7 |

NUTRITION IN INDUSTRY

The subject of nutrition in nutrition in industry was a matter of importance before scarcity of food-stuffs became evident. Now that many food products are unobtainable and a strict rationing appears inevitable, nutrition in industry becomes a matter of paramount importance.

Shipyards in the San Francisco Bay region have taken active measures to meet the problems associated with nutrition of industrial workers in their plants. One shipyard is drawing up a program for approval by the San Francisco Nutrition Committee which is said to include the employment of a full-time nutritionist. A second shipyard is expanding its cafeteria to provide space for preparing nutritious box lunches, eliminating the sale of poor quality box lunches by an outside concessionaire.

A Los Angeles company has adopted the plan of feeding a between-meals supplement enriched with vitamins, the offering for sale at a low price of excellently prepared table d'hote luncheons and box lunches, and the giving of nutritional courses for the housewife.

An East Bay shipyard recently ran a full-page on nutrition in the company magazine and has requested box lunch menus for possible publication in future issues. Another shipyard will regularly publish a full page on nutrition and home economics in its plant magazine beginning January.

Tuberculosis associations in three bay counties propose to appropriate from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the services of a full-time nutritionist who will promote nutrition in industries of the San Francisco Bay region.

MORBIDITY *

Complete Reports for Certain Diseases Recorded for Week Ending January 9, 1943

Chickenpox

1759 cases from the following counties: Alameda 180, Butte 4, Colusa 8, Contra Costa 50, Fresno 98, Imperial 3, Kern 43, Kings 25, Lassen 1, Los Angeles 284, Madera 5, Marin 24, Monterey 17, Napa 32, Orange 111, Plumas 2, Sacramento 75, San Bernardino 12, San Diego 235, San Francisco 166, San Joaquin 149, San Luis Obispo 7, San Mateo 18, Santa Barbara 21, Santa Clara 16, Santa Cruz 4, Shasta 16, Solano 5, Sonoma 84, Stanislaus 4, Sutter 10, Tehama 5, Tulare 29, Ventura 4, Yolo 7, Yuba 5.

German Measles

85 cases from the following counties: Alameda 32, Fresno 2, Kern 1, Los Angeles 17, Orange 4, Sacramento 3, San Diego 10, San Francisco 4, San Joaquin 2, San Luis Obispo 1, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Clara 3, Siskiyou 2, Solano 2, Tulare 1.

Measles

151 cases from the following counties: Alameda 14, Butte 1, Del Norte 1, Fresno 5, Humboldt 6, Imperial 1, Kern 5, Los Angeles 33, Marin 2, Orange 3, Plumas 5, Sacramento 19, San Bernardino 7, San Diego 14, San Francisco 17, San Joaquin 3, San Luis Obispo 1, San Mateo 7, Santa Clara 3, Sonoma 1, Ventura 1, Yolo 2.

Mumps

567 cases from the following counties: Alameda 56, Contra Costa 10, Fresno 8, Humboldt 45, Imperial 9, Kern 1, Kings 16, Lassen 1, Los Angeles 128, Marin 1, Mendocino 3, Monterey 4, Orange 18, Sacramento 2, San Bernardino 4, San Diego 108, San Francisco 61, San Joaquin 32, San Mateo 10, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Clara 33, Santa Cruz 3, Shasta 2, Solano 1, Sonoma 1, Tulare 6, Ventura 1, Yolo 2.

Scarlet Fever

164 cases from the following counties: Alameda 10, Fresno 9, Kern 2, Lassen 15, Los Angeles 57, Marin 1, Orange 5, Plumas 1, Sacramento 6, San Bernardino 2, San Diego 17, San Francisco 9, San Joaquin 2, San Mateo 3, Santa Clara 7, Solano 8, Sonoma 2, Stanislaus 1, Tulare 4, Yolo 1, Yuba 1, California 1.**

Whooping Cough

367 cases from the following counties: Alameda 76, Fresno 1, Humboldt 1, Imperial 5, Kern 19, Los Angeles 138, Marin 1, Monterey 1, Orange 10, Riverside 1, Sacramento 14, San Bernardino 1, San Diego 34, San Francisco 29, San Joaquin 2, Santa Barbara 3, Santa Clara 8, Santa Cruz 4, Solano 1, Sonoma 5, Sutter 2, Ventura 7, Yolo 4.

Diphtheria

30 cases from the following counties: Alameda 2, Lassen 3, Los Angeles 4, Monterey 1, Napa 1, Placer 1, Sacramento 10, San Bernardino 3, San Diego 1, San Joaquin 2, Sonoma 1, Tulare 1.

Epilepsy

53 cases from the following counties: Alameda 1, Los Angeles 42, Napa 1, Sacramento 1, San Bernardino 1, San Francisco 4, San Mateo 2, Sonoma 1.

Coccidioid Granuloma

One case from Los Angeles County.

Dysentery (Bacillary)

3 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 2, Sonoma 1.

Food Poisoning

12 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 10, San Mateo 2.

Influenza (Epidemic)

38 cases reported in the State.

Jaundice (Infectious)

3 cases from the following counties: Napa 2, Stanislaus 1.

Meningitis (Meningococcal)

9 cases from the following counties: Alameda 1, Fresno 1, Los Angeles 4, San Diego 1, San Francisco 2.

Pneumonia (Infectious)

94 cases reported in the State.

* Data regarding the other reportable diseases not listed herein, may be obtained upon request.

** Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the State or those who contracted their illness traveling about the State throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.

Poliomyelitis (Acute Anterior)

10 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 8, Nevada 1, Orange 1.

Rabies (Animal)

7 cases from the following counties: Fresno 3, Kern 1, Los Angeles 3.

Rheumatic Fever (Acute)

3 cases from the following counties: Los Angeles 2, Plumas 1.

Tetanus

One case from Los Angeles County.

Typhoid Fever

One case from Sacramento County.

Typhus Fever

One case from Santa Barbara County.

Undulant Fever

One case from Stanislaus County.

Gonorrhoea

139 cases reported in the State.

Syphilis

330 cases reported in the State.

1942 HEALTH HONOR ROLL

Thirteen full-time county health units and six cities of California that provide full-time health services have enrolled in the 1942 National Health Honor Roll, conducted under the auspices of the American Public Health Association. This project in health education and evaluation, which is conducted in the United States by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in cooperation with the American Public Health Association, is an annual event in the nation's public health.

The California cities that have enrolled in the contest are Alameda, Bakersfield, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Santa Barbara. The counties that have enrolled in the contest are Contra Costa, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Sutter-Yuba and Yolo.

Full-time county units that have not enrolled in the 1942 contest are Alameda, Fresno, Madera, Orange, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Tulare and Ventura counties. Among the eligible cities that have not enrolled in the 1942 contest are Berkeley, Beverly Hills, Fresno, San Francisco and San Jose. Santa Barbara County, Pasadena and Sacramento have won awards in preceding contests and are not enrolled in this year's event.

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